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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO FSL POSITIONS  
BY AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

REF : TAIPEI 3135

1. SUMMARY: INCREASING DEMAND FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS, FOR  
PROCESSING OF IMMIGRANT VISA PETITIONS, AND FOR NOTARIAL  
SERVICES REQUIRE AMEMBASSY TAIPEI TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT  
TO ESTABLISH AS EARLY IN FY77 AS POSSIBLE THE TWO FOREIGN  
SERVICE LOCAL (FSL) POSITIONS MENTIONED IN THE POST'S RECENT  
"CONSULAR PACKAGE" REPORT (STATE 3135). END SUMMARY.

### 2. IMMIGRANT VISAS

| IV'S           | APPOINTMENTS     | #NEW          |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| (A) PERIOD     | ISSUED PER MONTH | REGISTRATIONS |
| 1,75 THRU 6/75 | 435 500          | 627           |
| (AVERAGE)      |                  |               |

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|-----------------|---------|-----|
| 7/75 THRU 12/75 | 528 550 | 725 |
| (AVERAGE)       |         |     |

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| 1/76 THRU 6/75 | 555 600 | 852 |
| (AVERAGE)      |         |     |

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JULY 1976 (ACTUAL) 640 719 895

AUGUST 1976 (ACTUAL) 650 761 719##

SEPTEMBER 1976 725 850 (ACTUAL) 1100  
(ESTIMATED)

OCTOBER 1976 725 850 900  
(ESTIMATED)

#"NEW REGISTRATIONS" IS FOR PREF AND NON-PREF ONLY AS REPORTED MONTHLY ON FORM FS-469. THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE IMMEDIATE RELATIVES, RETURNING RESIDENTS, ETC. BUT ISSUANCES IN THESE CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN HOLDING STEADY AT ABOUT 120 PER MONTH FROM JANUARY 1975 THRU AUGUST 1976.

##ON AUGUST 31, 1976, WE HAD A TEMPORARY BACKLOG OF 502 PREF-PETITIONS WHICH WE HAD NOT YET REGISTERED DUE TO THE PRESS OF BUSINESS. AS WE BECOME CURRENT IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, REGISTRATIONS WILL TEMPORARILY INCREASE BUT AVERAGE OUT AT ABOUT 900 PER MONTH.

(B) IN REFTEL WE ESTIMATED IV ISSUANCE FOR FY77 WOULD BE ABOUT 7,600. ON THE BASIS OF CURRENT INFORMATION, WE NOW ESTIMATE IV ISSUANCE FOR FY77 WILL BE ABOUT 8,400 COMPARED WITH FY76 ISSUANCE OF ABOUT 7,000. PRESENT IV SUB-UNIT STAFF CANNOT HANDLE ABOUT 800 IMMIGRANT VISA APPOINTMENTS PER MONTH ON A CONTINUING BASIS. THERE IS NO SLACK IN THE CONSULAR SECTION WHICH WOULD PERMIT TRANSFER OF AN FSL TO THE IV SUB-UNIT. WITHOUT ABOUT 1.5 REPEAT 1.5 FSL MAN-YEARS, POST MAY BE FORCED TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE WAITING LIST WITH NUMBER OF APOINTMENTS CUT TO 600 PER MONTH. THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD RESULT FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE WAITING LIST ARE RATHER HORRIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE GIVEN THE PENCHANT HERE FOR CONSULTING U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS.

### 3. VISA PETITIONS AND NOTARIALS

(A) PERIOD IV PETITION  
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| MONTH                     | PER MONTH |      |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|
| 1/75 THRU 6/75 (AVERAGE)  | 145       | 756  |
| 7/75 THRU 12/75 (AVERAGE) | 146       | 819  |
| 1/76 THRU 6/75 (AVERAGE)  | 147       | 917  |
| JUNE 1976 (ACTUAL)        | 187       | 1105 |
| JULY 1976 (ACTUAL)        | 230       | 1198 |
| AUGUST 1976 (ACTUAL)      | 235       | 1274 |

(B) THE ABOVE STATISTICS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. PETITIONS ARE HANDLED IN THE AMERICAN SERVICES UNIT HERE. THE CONSULAR SECTION'S CASHIER IS ALSO LOCATED IN THIS AREA AND HAD DEVOTED MUCH OF HER TIME PREVIOUSLY TO THE PROCESSING OF NOTARIALS AND TO HELPING WITH IMMIGRANT VISA PETITIONS. HOWEVER, INCREASING SERVICES IN ALL CONSULAR SECTION UNITS INVOLVING CASH TRANSACTIONS ARE TAKING MUCH MORE OF HER TIME NOW; SHE CANNOT HELP AS SHE DID BEFORE. ABOUT 0.5 MAN-YEAR NOW IS CRITICAL BECAUSE SINCE JUNE/JULY WE SEEM TO BE TAKING ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT JUMP TO A NEW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WITH REGARD TO NOTARIAL SERVICES AND THE PROCESSING OF VISA PETITIONS. THIS WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN CITIZENS OF THE U.S. AND THE ROC (GENERATING LEGAL ACTIVITY) AND THE BACKLOG OF PETITIONS IN INS OFFICES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES (NOT DIMINISHING FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE AND WHICH RESULTS IN PERSONS TRAVELING HERE FROM THE U.S. TO FILE PETITIONS TO SAVE TIME).

4. TO COMPLETE THE PICTURE, PLEASE NOTE THAT AN AVERAGE OF 3,800 NIV APPLICATION PER MONTH WERE PROCESSED HERE IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUED AT A HIGH LEVEL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO ESTABLISH TWO FOREIGN SERVICE LOCAL (FSL) POSITIONS HERE AS EARLY IN FY77 AS POSSIBLE. IF IT WERE NECESSARY, THE POST PROBABLY COULD RECRUIT SUCCESSFULLY FOR TWO PART-TIME, INTERMITTENT, TEMPORARY (PTT) POSITIONS GIVEN SOME ASSURANCE THAT FULL-TIME POSITIONS WOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER IN THE FISCAL YEAR.

6. COMMENT: IF THE ABOVE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN PROMPTLY, IT  
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MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DEFER BOTH AMERICAN POSITIONS MENTIONED IN THE CONSULAR PACKAGE (STATE 3135) FROM FY77 TO FY78.  
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